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SUBJECT: DANISH POSITION ON NATO AEW

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1. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY SENSITIVE MOD
SOURCES OF AN APPRAENT SHIFT IN THE DANISH POSITION
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ON NATO AEW FROM THAT REPORTED REF A. A MORE POSTIVE
APPROACH THAN THAT CONVEYED TO US BY MOD PERM UNDER
SEC DESIGNATE CHRISTIANSEN WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 25
MINISTERIAL BY AMBASSADOR SVART IN DEFENSE MINISTER
MOLLER'S ABSENCE.

2. MOLLER WILL BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT

DANISH PARTICIPATION IN PROCUREMENT OF NATO AEW IN THE
DANISH FOLKETING PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING GUARANTEES CAN
BE MADE:

A. THE DANISH LOW-LEVEL RADAR SYSTEM WILL BE
INFRASTRUCTURE-FUNDED AS DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES
AND WITHIN NATO FORA.

B. THE DANISH CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROCUREMENT OF
NATO AEW WILL BE LESS THAN THE 1.5 PERCENT PROPOSED BY NATO.
DANES REPORTEDLY WILL BE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE AT THE
.9 - 1 PERCENT LEVEL.

C. DANES MUST BE ASSURED THAT A GENERAL CEILING
ON OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS CAN BE ESTABLISHED.

3. WITH THESE THREE MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS GUARANTEED,
MOLLER WILL BE PREPARED TO PROCEED ON THE BOTTOM-
LINE REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED BY REFERENCE B.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT THE DANISH MILI-
TARY POSITION HAS REVERSED IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS
FROM OPPOSITION TO NATO AEW TO POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR
THE PROGRAM. WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT THE DANES HAVE
IDENTIFIED 15-20 MILLION DOLLARS WITHIN THE DEFENSE
BUDGET FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF NATO AEW IN THE LATTER
PART OF THE PROCUREMENT CYCLE.
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